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October 20, 2006

Magalie R. Salas, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First St., NE, Room 1-A
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Docket Nos. CP06-61-000 and CP01-23-003

Dear Ms. Salas:

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The Blythe Area Chamber of Commerce wants to voice its support for the proposed North Baja Pipeline Expansion Project.

We believe that this project will benefit all of Southern California, including the Blythe area because it will:

1. Provide a new supply of natural gas from LNG that can replace the declining supplies from basins in the southwest that have provided gas to Southern California in the past,
2. Provide a downward pressure on gas costs as LNG suppliers compete with domestic gas producers, and
3. Provide improved reliability to the region by providing a new gas source and a new path to transport it to the region.

A portion of this expansion project will be built in Riverside County, on the eastern edge and south of the City of Blythe. North Baja Pipeline built the original pipeline in the same area, and did a good job during that construction making sure construction had minimal impact on the local population. We expect that they will do the same thing when they construct the expansion project.

Please register our support for this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Shipley".
Jim Shipley
Chief Operating Officer

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The Blythe Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourist Information Center's comments expressing support for the proposed Project are noted.

CALEXICO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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November 1, 2006

Magalie R. Salas, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE: Room 1A
Washington, DC 20426

RE: Docket Nos. CP06-61-000 and CP01-23-003

Dear Ms. Salas:

LA2-1 The Callexico Chamber of Commerce wants to indicate its support for the proposed North Baja Pipeline Expansion Project.

Our Executive Committee has met with the project personnel, and has had the opportunity to review the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report that was issued last month.

We believe that this project will be good for the Imperial Valley because it will:

1. Provide a new supply of natural gas from LNG that is able to supplement the declining supplies of natural gas that have historically provided gas to Southern California,
2. Help to hold down the cost of natural gas as the LNG suppliers compete with traditional natural gas suppliers,
3. Improved reliability to Southern California because of the different route and source of supply to get gas from producers to Southern California, and
4. Add significant additional property tax revenue to Imperial County with little or no need for services from the county.

We also believe that the pipeline lateral from North Baja Pipeline system to El Centro will be good for Imperial County because it will:

1. Improve the reliability of the Imperial Irrigation District's El Centro Generating Station by providing a different pipeline route and source of supply to the plant,
2. Help IID hold down electric rates by providing access to LNG sourced natural gas that is likely to be less expensive than gas from traditional sources, and

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LA2-1 The Callexico Chamber of Commerce's comments expressing support for the proposed Project are noted.


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3. Provide increased pipeline capacity to Imperial County that will allow further business development to provide new jobs for an area that currently and historically has a high unemployment rate.

Callexico is located right on the US/Mexico border, directly across from Mexicali. We are the area in Imperial County most directly impacted by air pollution coming in to the US from Mexico. We note with pleasure that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report indicates that the compressor stations that will have to be constructed in Mexico to move gas to the North Baja Pipeline are not expected to have any significant impact on ambient air quality at locations near or across the US/Mexico border.

Please include this letter of support as a portion of the official record for this proposed project.

Sincerely,



Hildy Carrillo-Rivera
Executive Director
Callexico Chamber of Commerce

Cc: Board of Directors
Callexico Chamber of Commerce

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November 7, 2006

Magalie R. Salas, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First St. NE: Room 1A
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Docket Nos. CP06-61-000 and CP01-23-003

Dear Ms. Salas:

LA3-1 The El Centro Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau wishes to indicate its support for the proposed North Baja Pipeline Expansion Project.

We have had the opportunity to review the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report that was issued last month, and we believe this project will be good for Southern California, including the Imperial Valley, because it will do several things:

- First, it will provide a new source of natural gas from LNG that can supplement the declining supplies of natural gas that have historically provided gas to Southern California.
- Second, it should hold down the cost of natural gas as the LNG suppliers compete with traditional natural gas suppliers.
- Third, it will improve reliability of gas supply to Southern California because of the different route and source of supply to get gas from the LNG terminal to Southern California.
- Finally, it will add significant additional property tax revenue to Imperial County with little or no need for services from the county.

We also believe that the pipeline lateral from the North Baja Pipeline system to El Centro will be good for Imperial County because it will:

- Improve the reliability of gas supply to the Imperial Irrigation District's El Centro Generating Station by providing a different pipeline route and source of supply to the plant,
- Help IID hold down electric rates by providing access to LNG sourced natural gas that is likely to be less expensive than gas from traditional sources, and

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LA3-1 The El Centro Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau's comments expressing support for the proposed Project are noted.

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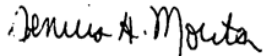
- Provide increased pipeline capacity to Imperial County that will allow further business development to provide new jobs for an area that currently and historically has a high unemployment rate.

El Centro is located approximately 10 miles north of the US/ Mexico border. We are one of the areas in Imperial County that is impacted by air pollution coming into the US from Mexico. We are pleased that the Draft EIS/EIR concludes that the compressor stations that will have to be constructed in Mexico to move gas to the North Baja Pipeline are not expected to have any significant impact on ambient air quality at locations near or across the US/Mexico border.

Finally, The Chamber has developed a policy statement that defines the types of energy infrastructure projects that it will support, or that it will oppose. The North Baja Pipeline Expansion Project meets the criteria necessary for our support.

Please make this letter of support a portion of the official record for this proposed project.

Sincerely,



Dennis H. Morita
President

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CITY OF BLYTHE

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First St. N.E. Room 1A
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Re: Docket No. CP06-61-000 and CP01-23-000

Dear Ms. Salas:

LA4-1

The City Council of Blythe, California would like to go on record in support of locating the North Baja project pipeline within the public right-of-way in the Palo Verde Valley whenever possible.

The Palo Verde Valley is primarily an agricultural community. A common practice locally is to "deep rip" fields as a part of the farming operation. A steel shank as much as 5 feet deep is pulled by one or two crawler tractors to help reverse compaction of the soil and further enhance crop yields. The unsuspecting tractor operator may not be aware of an impending hazard in his path and pull that shank into the high pressure gas pipe in the middle of a farmer's field. Where necessary, field crossings should align with section or quarter section lines, be adjacent to field roads or canals.

The one-call system can be used by anyone in the State of California to request accurate locates of utilities for those intending to do underground work. Having this pipe in the right-of-way just designs in an extra measure of insurance that the accidental discovery of this facility will be less likely in the street as opposed to a wide-open field and a half asleep tractor driver.

Sincerely,

Robert Crain
Mayor, Blythe

cc: Tom Filler, California State Lands Commission
Gas Group 1, DG2E

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The City of Blythe's comments expressing support for the proposed Project are noted. The pipeline has been routed adjacent to or within roadways in agricultural areas where possible to minimize impacts on agricultural areas and reduce the possibility of accidental discovery during "deep ripping" practices.



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CITY OF HOLTVILLE

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November 28, 2006

Magalie R. Salas, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE; Room 1A
Washington, DC 20426

RE: Docket Nos. CP06-61-000 and CP01-23-003

Dear Ms. Salas,

LA5-1 | The City Council of the City of Holtville, California declares our support for the proposed North Baja Pipeline Expansion Project. At our regular City Council meeting held on November 27, 2006 we adopted Resolution 06-47.

Please register our support for this project.

Sincerely,


Jerry M. Brittsan
Mayor

cc: Tom Filler, California State Lands Commission
Gas Group 1, DG2E

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LA5-1 | The City of Holtville's comments expressing support for the proposed Project are noted.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-47

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOLTVILLE
SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED NORTH BAJA PIPELINE EXPANSION PROJECT**

Whereas, North Baja Pipeline LLC has proposed a modification to and an expansion of their existing pipeline to allow for the importation of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) sourced gas into Southern California, and the construction of a new pipeline lateral from the existing North Baja Pipeline system to the Imperial Irrigation District El Centro Generating Station in El Centro, California; and

Whereas, North Baja Pipeline is currently pursuing permits for this project with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the California State Lands Commission and these permits are being reviewed by these agencies in Dockets CP06-61-000 and CP01-23-003; and

Whereas the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the California State Lands Commission and other Cooperating Agencies have recently issued a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Draft Environmental Impact Report which has reviewed the potential environmental impacts of this proposed project; and

Whereas Southern California would benefit from this proposed Project by gaining access to a new source of natural gas to replace gas from traditional domestic sources that are projected to decline in the future, by the anticipated moderating impact this new source of gas will have on natural gas prices because of the competition with traditional sources, and by improving reliability of supply to the region because gas will be delivered to California on an entirely new pipeline transportation path; and

Whereas Imperial County and the City of Holtville would benefit from the proposed project by receiving an increase in property taxes from the Project of as much as \$2.5 million per year, by the improved reliability of gas supply to the Imperial Irrigation Districts El Centro Generating Station from the new pipeline lateral, and from the more direct access to the anticipated lower cost LNG sourced gas; and

Whereas the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report summarizes that "if the project is constructed in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, North Baja's proposed mitigation, and the Agency Staff's additional mitigation recommendations, it would be an environmentally acceptable action;" and

Whereas the City of Holtville is concerned about the potential impact of air quality from the Project, and the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report indicates that the only direct air quality impact of the proposed Project would be from fugitive dust created during the construction phase and that "With the implementation of North Baja's revised Dust Control plan, fugitive dust from Project construction activities is not expected to result in a violation of Federal or State ambient air quality standards or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation due to the transient and temporary nature of the construction activities;" and

Whereas, the Draft Environment Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report reviewed the potential air quality impacts of the compressor stations that will need to be constructed on the upstream pipeline by Gasoducto Bajanorte and concluded "it is unlikely that emissions from these proposed stations would result in any significant cumulative ambient air quality impacts at receptors in the vicinity of or across the U. S. border" and further, as a result of a Health Risk Assessment conducted as a part of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report on the potential impacts of the toxic air pollutants emitted by the existing power plants in Mexicali, and the proposed compressor stations, it was concluded that "the cumulative risks associated with the emissions from the existing power plants and the future compressor stations would be considered less than significant."

Therefore, we, the City Council of the City of Holtville, County of Imperial, California do hereby declare our support for the proposed North Baja Pipeline Expansion Project, and direct the City Manager to file this Resolution in support with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the California State Lands Commission.

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APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Holtville, California held on this 27th day of November, 2006.

CITY OF HOLTVILLE
By *Jerry M. Brittan*
Jerry M. Brittan, Mayor

ATTEST:

By *Denise Toth*
Denise Toth, Interim City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By *Steven Walker*
Steven Walker, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF IMPERIAL) ss
CITY OF HOLTVILLE)

I, Denise Toth, Interim City Clerk of the City of Holtville, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 06-47 was duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Holtville, California, held on the 27th day of November 2006, by the following vote:

AYES: 4

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 1

ABSTAINED: 0

By *Denise Toth*
Denise Toth, City Clerk

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December 4, 2006

Magalie R. Salas, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: Dock Nos. CP06-61-000 and CPO1-23-003

Dear Madam,

LA6-1 | Enclosed please find a certified copy of the fully executed Resolution No. R2006-85,
approved at the Regular City Council Meeting of November 15, 2006.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Tadeo A. Garcia

Tadeo A. Garcia
Administrative Specialist

Enclosure

City of Yuma, Arizona

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LA6-1 | The City of Yuma's resolution expressing support for the proposed Project
is noted.



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CERTIFICATION

I, Brigitta M. Kuiper, do hereby certify that I am a duly appointed City Clerk of the City of Yuma, Arizona, and that the attached is a true and correct copy of Resolution R2006-85, which is on file in the Office of the City Clerk, Yuma City Hall, One City Plaza, Yuma, Arizona.

Brigitta M. Kuiper
Brigitta M. Kuiper, City Clerk

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Date

City of Yuma, Arizona

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RESOLUTION NO. R2006-85

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUMA, ARIZONA, SUPPORTING PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS OF THE NORTH BAJA PIPELINE EXPANSION PROJECT AS OUTLINED IN THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2006, the City Council received a presentation regarding the North Baja Pipeline Expansion Project from project proponents; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council believes, based on information provided in the draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report that the project will be beneficial to the City of Yuma and would be of public interest.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Yuma as follows:

SECTION 1: That the City of Yuma declares itself an affected party having a general interest in the North Baja Pipeline Expansion Project.

SECTION 2: That the City of Yuma believes this project will provide a new source of natural gas from Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) that will be able to replace the declining supplies of natural gas that have historically provided gas to Southern California, making more gas available to Southwest Arizona.

SECTION 3: That the City of Yuma believes this project will provide a cost moderating supply of natural gas as the LNG suppliers compete with traditional natural gas providers which will also benefit gas users in Southwest Arizona.

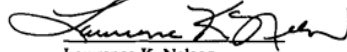
SECTION 4: That the City of Yuma believes this project will provide increased reliability of supply to the region by providing a new gas transportation path tied to a new source of supply.

SECTION 5: While there is no current proposal for a pipeline to connect the North Baja Pipeline or Gasducto Bajanorte pipeline systems to the Yuma area, the City of Yuma believes that at some point in the future this might occur. If this is the case, such connections will be beneficial to the Yuma area because it would allow another source of gas to supply the region, and would provide an alternate gas transportation route to Yuma to supplement the existing El Paso Natural Gas pipeline lateral which operates at close to capacity at certain times of the year.

SECTION 6: That the City of Yuma Council hereby expresses its support for the North Baja Pipeline Expansion Project.

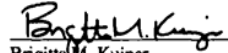
Passed and adopted this 15th day of November, 2006.

APPROVED:



Lawrence K. Nelson
Mayor

ATTESTED:



Briggitta M. Kuiper
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Steven W. Moore
City Attorney

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